Potential of Bio-Tourism and Eco-Tourism

1636. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to popularise Bio-Tourism/ Eco-Tourism in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of great potential in Mysore, Coorg, Chickmangalore and Western ghats in Karantaka; and

(c) if so, the details of support Government are planning to offer to promote Eco-tourism?,

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Ministry of Tourism had formulated the Policy and Guidelines lor Eco-tourism;

(b) and (c) Central financial assistance is extended to Eco-friendly tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State/Union Territory Governments. The following Eco-friendly tourism projects were sanctioned in the State of Karnataka:—

- Kabini River Lodge at Kharapur, Mysore District.
- Kali Wilderness Camp at Dandeli, U.K. District
- Eco-tourism facility at K. Gudi, Chamarajanagar District.
- Eco-Beach Cottages at Devbagh near Karwar.
- Cauvery Fishing Camp at Bhimeshwari and at Doddamakali, Mandya District.
- Tourism Complex at Kudremukh, Chickmangalore District.
- Eco-tourism Reports at Bannerghatta National Park near Bangalore.
- Eco-Tourism Resorts at Hampi.

Selection of Reserved Category Persons

1637. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state: